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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 99F-5322]

United States Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and
Inspection Service; Filing of Food Additive Petition

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY : The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that the United States Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service has filed a petition proposing that the food additive regulations be amended to increase the maximum dose of ionizing radiation permitted in the treatment of poultry products, include specific language intended to clarify the poultry products covered by the regulations, and remove the limitation that any packaging used during irradiation of poultry shall not exclude oxygen.

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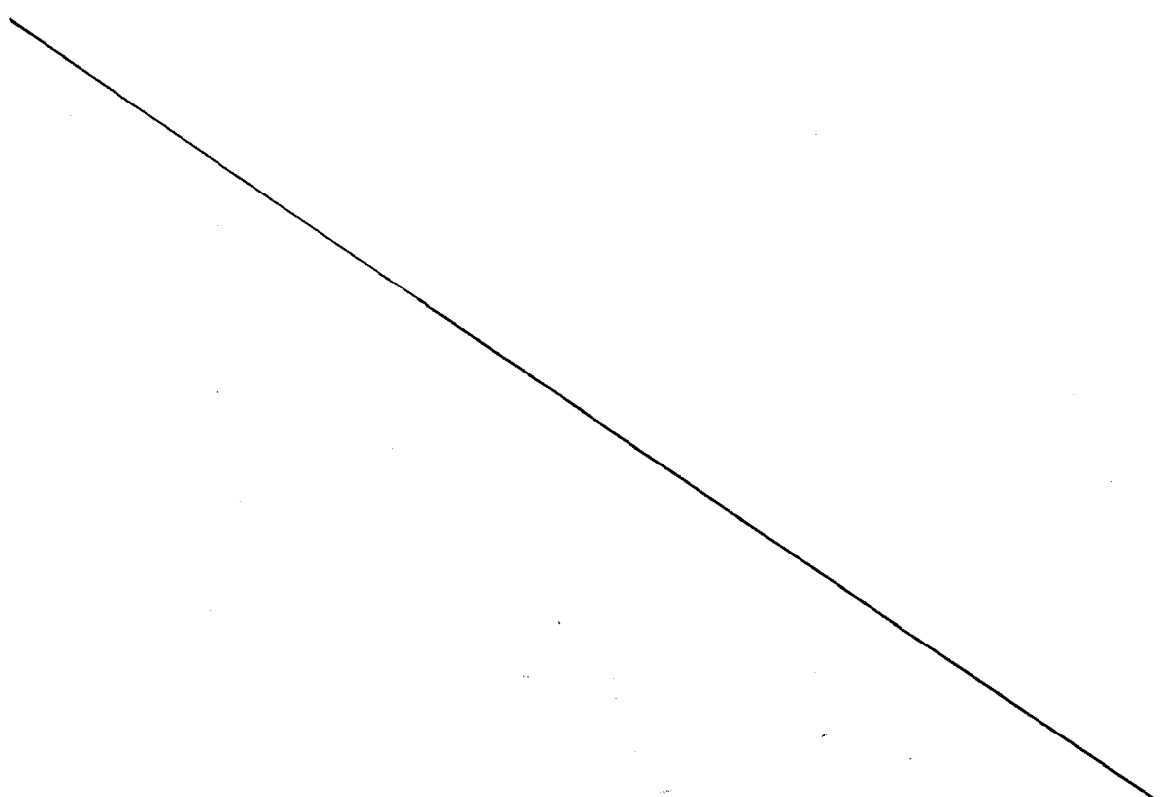
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (sec. 409(b)(5) (21 U.S.C. 348(b) (5))), notice is given that a food additive petition (FAP 9M4696) has been filed

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by the United States Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, 300 12th St. SW., rm. 112, Washington, DC 20250. The petition proposes to amend the food additive regulations in § 179.26 ~~Ionizing radiation for the treatment of food~~ (21 CFR 179.26) in item 6. of the table in paragraph (b) to:

(1) Increase the maximum dose of ionizing radiation permitted in the treatment of poultry products (2) include specific language intended to clarify the poultry products covered by the regulations and (3) remove the limitation that any packaging used during irradiation of poultry shall not exclude oxygen.

The agency has determined under 21 CFR 25.32(j) that this action is of a type that does not individually or cumulatively



have a significant effect on the human environment. Therefore, neither an environmental assessment nor an environmental impact statement is required.

Dated: Dec. 3, 1999.
December 3, 1999

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